#### **NATURE TRAIL**

**S**troll through the park's corridor on a 1-1/4 mile long nature trail that drops 425 feet in elevation to the beach. Take in the sounds of the adjacent tumbling stream as it weaves its way through the giant trees of the old forest. The stream, which is home to various aquatic life, including fresh water fish and migrating salmon, forms a



small marine estuary as it empties into Puget Sound.





**B**e sure to wear sturdy shoes and although the hike is in shade, bring sufficient drinking water. Allow yourself enough time to return before the gates close at dusk.



### **SALTWATER BEACH**



After your hike, kick-off your shoes and take a walk along the beach. Kids will love watching ferries ply the sound and the trains rumbling along the coastal track. Look in the stream near the tunnel outlet for tiny fry (baby salmon) darting about. Enjoy a breathtaking sunset.

# **LOOKING FORWARD**

Plans are underway to remove approximately 130 linear feet of railroad embankment and installing a railroad bridge with a 90-foot opening to address beach access, fish passage, flooding, sediment delivery and maintenance issues due to the narrow culvert (tunnel) under the railroad. Approximately 2 plus acres of created/restored estuary and riparian habitat enhancement is proposed with a second footbridge located over Lund's Gulch Creek. Paths will be relocated to provide viewpoints of the estuary. More info can be found on the Meadowdale Project page which can be accessed through www.snocoparks.org



# **INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS**



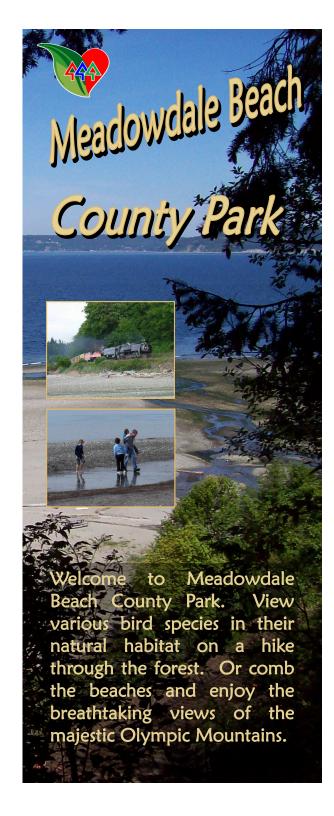
Join a park ranger for an informative nature hike that includes a comprehensive guide to the Pacific Coastal Forest. Topics include tree and plant identification, biodiversity and marine biology. Call the Program Coordinator at 425-388-6618 for rates and reservations.



# **VOLUNTEER!**



Got a skill or desire to roll up your sleeves? Interpretive work, Ranger Assistance, and Park Maintenance are some of the volunteer categories needed by Parks. Contact 425-388-6604.



# **PICNIC SHELTER**



At the end of your hike, take a break in our rustic picnic shelter. There's plenty of adjoining meadow space for sporting activities. The shelter is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sorry, no reservations accepted.

# **WATER TRAIL CAMPING**



Meadowdale Beach has designated beach campsites for Water Trail camping. Fees are on a per-boat basis and space is limited to 3-4 tents. To be eligible, campers must arrive and depart by human or wind powered beach able watercraft. Visitors to sites that enter the park by other means must exit the park by dusk. Visit www.snocoparks.org for other requirements.

For more information on Water Trail camping or reservations, call 425-388-6600 during business hours (M-F, 8:30am-4:30pm).

#### **DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

**Main Entrance:** From I-5, take the 164th Street SW exit off I-5; follow 164th St SW west to 168th St SW; turn right onto 168<sup>th</sup> St SW and cross Hwy 99; turn right onto 52nd Ave W; turn left onto 160th St; turn right onto 56th Ave W; turn left onto 156th Ave W. Park entrance is at the end of the road.

**ADA Access** (Gate Code required): From I-5, take the 164th Street SW exit off I-5; follow 164th St SW west to 168th St SW; turn right onto 168<sup>th</sup> St SW and cross Hwy 99; Follow to North Meadowdale

Beach Rd; Right; on North Meadow-dale Beach Rd; then Right onto 76th Ave W., follow to gate at end of road.

DISPLAY PLACARD WHEN USING ADA GATE ENTRANCE LOT.

Visit <u>www.snocoparks.org</u> or call 425-388-6600 to apply for gate access code.

### Visit WWW.SNOCOPARKS.ORG







**7**rains are fun to watch but move much faster than they appear. Use the pedestrian tunnel to access the beach and stay off the tracks. Trespassing on tracks is not only unsafe, it's illegal.

